



PATENT

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Applicants: Amjad Ali, et al.

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Examiner:

For: SELECTIVE SPIROCYCLIC
GLUCOCORTICOID RECEPTOR MODULATORS

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 1, 2008, please consider Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The Office Action set forth a shortened statutory period for response ending August 1, 2008. A request for two months extension is hereby made with this Amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Reconsideration of Applicants claims is requested. Any additional fees required in connection with this application may be taken from Merck Deposit Account. No. 13-2755. Please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 52 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on the date appearing below.

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